

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, May 19, 2004 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W130 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. John W. Hickman, Senate Chair
Rep. James A. Ferrin, House Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Beverly Evans
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. Doug Aagard
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Eric Hutchings

Rep. Roz McGee
Rep. Karen Morgan
Rep. Loraine Pace
Rep. Peggy Wallace

Members Absent:

President Al Mansell

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst
Mr. John L. Fellows, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Cassandra N. Bauman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at www.le.utah.gov or by contacting the committee secretary, Cassandra Bauman, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting may also be available from the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Committee Business

Chair Hickman called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow and Rep. Ferrin absent for the vote.

Sen. Hickman relinquished the position as chair to Rep. Ferrin.

2. Election Law

Ms. Amy Naccarato, Director, State Election's Office, explained the status of election reform and obtaining new voting equipment in Utah. She recommended that the security of the machines be tested and training of county clerks and staff be furnished before the equipment is used. She indicated that the Legislature could assist the process in providing a statutory mandate for training of county officials and staff. She responded to questions.

Mr. Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties, expressed concern for the cost of maintaining and replacing voting equipment in the future.

Committee discussion followed.

3. Sunset Review: Legislative Process Committee

Mr. Fellows introduced the issue. Rep. Bigelow, Chair, LPC (Legislative Process Committee), explained the purpose of the LPC and recent studies the LPC has made.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to recommend extending the sunset date for the Legislative Process Committee for 10 years. Committee discussion followed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to remove the sunset date for the Legislative Process Committee. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen and Rep. McGee absent for the vote.

4. Boards and Commissions

Mr. Cannon introduced the issue. Spencer Burton, Research Assistant, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, distributed and reviewed "Advisory Board Study: Survey Proposals."

The Committee recommended changes to the advisory board surveys.

Mr. Cannon distributed and reviewed "Utah State Boards and Commissions - Legislative Advisory Boards."

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to expand the list of letters sent to advisory boards to include the legislative advisory boards except those with established sunset or repeal dates, interim committees, and the Legislative Process Committee which was already discussed.

Mr. Dave Bird commented.

The motion passed with Rep. Hendrickson and Sen. Waddoups voting in opposition. Sen. Allen and Rep. McGee were absent for the vote.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Allen and Rep. McGee absent for the vote.

Chair Ferrin adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.